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A person who spends large amounts for coins, but nothing for numismatie books, eannot be eonsidered a numismatist.

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A reminder—A true eolleetor will display his eollection at his elub meetings, so that all present may enjoy the fruits of his labor.

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Have you noticed? It is usually the person who begs away from serving as an exhibit judge who raised the most fuss about the judges' deeisions.

President's Report

. . . DAN HARLEY

At the Fresno convention a **Medal of Merit** was awarded to our Calcoin News Editor, **Lesley G. Lodge.** This is CSNA's highest award (see details in a separate column in this issue of Calcoin News).

I feel that the presentation of the Past President's Medals created a climax to our banquet, which left the Medal of Merit presentation in the background. This is unfortunate, because to receive a Medal of Merit is a reward for past services, a reward that few members earn, and should not be over-shadowed.

The editing of Calcoin News is a tremendous responsibility. Les has to keep CSNA's reputation of having the finest regional publication in its present high regard. It is true he has two assistant editors who gather together the local northern and southern news, who write up our conventions, and in the case of the northern assistant help in making up the magazine. However, Les has to take all the material which comes to him and whip it into shape for publication. The proof reading, paste up job, chasing to the printers, and to the mailing service, and many other chores of which I am not aware, are his direct responsibility. I am aware that each issue of Calcoin News takes him no less than one hundred hours of work —therefore I say that Les was very deserving of CSNA's highest award, the Medal of Merit.

CSNA now has available a **"Certificate of Appreciation,"** which is available for any member club to present to the main speaker at the local club meeting.

Three copies of this certificate will be sent to each member club (upon request to our secretary, Charles G. Colver, by the secretary of the local club), together with a stamped and addressed post card. The post card, when filled in and returned to our secretary, will automatically supply the club with three more certificates and another post card. The post card is prelined and titled to help the club secretary fill in the details for our CSNA records and publication in Calcoin News.

This certificate is 8½ x 11 inches in size, and will fit any commercial frame of that size, if the club officers wish to present it in that way.

One big advantage of using this certificate is, that with the club having a supply on hand, it can be given to the speaker upon conclusion of his talk, and not at a later date or by being mailed to him.

At the Fresno convention there was some comment and criticism as to the charge for the hotel rooms being $1 higher than posted inside the room.

Two years ago we signed a contract with the hotel, stating that the convention facilities would be furnished us without charge, and that the hotel rooms would be charged for at a certain rate (which at that time was in effect).

Even though the convention space we used is now being charged for at a rate of $250 per day, we held the hotel management to their agreement and to their side of the bargain—and naturally they held us to ours, insofar as the room rentals were concerned, even though the rooms are now quoted at a rate of $1 less.

In a separate article in this issue of Calcoin News is a write up of our **Past President's Medals.**

It was indeed a great honor to be the president in office at the time of presentation of these medals to two of our great past presidents—**"Doc" Emmons** and **Lou Panosh.**

At the Fresno convention the final plans were approved for the issuance of **Life Membership** in CSNA.

Full details are as outlined in our Secretary's Report in this issue of Calcoin News.

MEDAL OF MERIT

Several years ago the CSNA Board of Directors voted to embark on a program rewarding those members who distinguished themselves, with something more than just a ribbon or word of thanks. A suitable medal was decided upon. This medal is to be awarded for "outstanding service" to CSNA — "above and beyond the call of duty". It is the highest award made by CSNA, and is not given out promiscuously — in fact there have now been but nine recipients since the inauguration of the program.

Shown above is the 3-inch silver medal, showing on the obverse the lamp of knowledge, the inscription "Medal of Merit" and the name of our Association. The recipient's name and date awarded appear on the reverse.

Those who have received this highly coveted medal are:

Santa Barbara convention, Nov. 1956
Dr. C. L. Emmons
Prof. Charles V. Kappen

Fresno convention, April 1958
Dr. C. Glenn Curtis
Leonel C. Panosh

Stockton convention, April 1960
T. Kirk Hill

Berkeley convention, April 1961
Robert G. McArthur

Long Beach convention, Nov. 1962
Erich Werling

Berkeley convention, April 1964
Ralph A. Mitchell

Fresno convention, April 1966
Lesley G. Lodge

It is indeed an honor to receive this medal, and to join the group of highly dedicated numismatists who previously were so honored.

Our members may be sure that I will continue to do everything possible to further the interests of CSNA and to continue to keep Calcoin News on the highest level possible.

LES LODGE

PIN MONEY

In the January issue of the Western Coin Collcctor we gave you one theory on the origin of "pin money". That was the American version. Hcre's the English version.

In the early 14th century pins were invented in England. Like all new things they were very expensive. Housewives were so delighted with their usefulness that they spent large sums of money originally intended for other purposes. This situation became so crucial that thc government intercedcd and allowed pin-makers to sell only on the first and second of January.

Hence the custom developcd of putting a little money aside. This "pin-money" was saved for the time whcn pins could be purchased.

—Western Coin Collector
March, 1966

The American version, as printed in the January 1966 issue of Western Coin Collector, is:—

What was its origin? Pin Money.

The Colonial paper currency issued by the various colonies of early America was so thin and fragilc that it wore and torc very easily. Husbands usually gave this torn currency to their wives to use for their house needs and other incidentals; but before the women could spend this currency, they would have to pin the pieces togcther—hence the expression —"Pin Money".

(Editor's Note:— Both vcrsions of the origin of the cxpression "Pin Money" are new to me. I wonder how many other versions there are. If you havc a pet version, let me have it for printing in a future issue of Calcoin News.)

PAST PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

The Past President's Medal is an honor designed for those men who guided CSNA through the past years. As we are now entering the twentieth year of our organization, it is indeed time that these men be properly awarded for their hard and conscientious work.

The handsome set of medals consists of three pieces—one each in gold, silver, and bronze, in an appropriate container. As shown above, the medals have the portrait and name of the recipient on the obverse. On the reverse is our CSNA seal, together with the word "President" and the date of office. (These medals were designed by Don Dow of Phoenix, Arizona, and were struck by the Medallic Art Co. of New York.

As only one medal is struck in 10-K gold, there are none of these available for public sale. However, a limited number of the silver and bronze ones were issued. These may be obtained in numbered sets, and ordered from Dan Harley, CSNA President, 637 W. Arrow Highway, Claremont, Calif. 91712. Price is $15 for the silver and $5 for the bronze — or $18 for both.

It is the intention to continue with the presentation of these medals, one each at our coming conventions, until up to date. After that the medals will undoubtedly be presented to the out-going president at the time he steps out of office.

—DAN HARLEY

THE COIN AND CURRENCY OF THE CIVIL WAR

By FRANK STRAUSS, Monrovia

INTRODUCTION

With the secession of South Carolina, Dec. 20, 1860, the Union "one and inseparable" was a Union no longer. The igniting spark was a question of slavery, but the North and South, one industrial and one agrarian, had been drawing apart since colonial days. Other states following South Carolina's lead seceded early in 1861.

Jefferson Davis became President of the Confederate States of America on Feb. 9, 1861. At that time the Confederacy consisted of seven states. Following the surrender of Fort Sumter on April 14, 1861, six more states had seceded by the end of the year. On April 15, 1861, President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection existed and called for volunteer troops. The South soon recognized that it could not peacefully part ways with the North, and on May 6, 1861 the Confederate Congress made known that a state of war existed between the United States and the Confederate States. It was to last four long, bloody years.

I intend to describe one small but important segment of that struggle, the coin and currency of the period, probably dealing more with the southern aspect, mainly the paper money of the Confederate Treasury which played an important part in buying material of war. Having but little coin in spite of foreign loans, seizure of the three United States mints in the south, and patriotic contributions of the people, the Confederate government resorted to paper money.

CONFEDERATE HALF DOLLAR

This is the only numismatic record of a million people who maintained a precarious existence in the face of overwhelming odds for the space of nearly four and a half years.

The beginning of the year 1910 was signalized in a numismatic way by the offering for sale of the only known specimen of the official metallic coinage of the Confederate States of America.

Coming from its resting place in a safety deposit box where it had lain for 28 years, this unique half dollar created quite a sensation in the numismatic world. An account of its unusual significance caused much interest among the lay world, which is always intensely alive to any souvenir or relic so colsely associated with the Lost Cause.

There are very few American coins today that can be said to rank in interest with this half dollar, with its authentic United States obverse and distinctive Confederate States reverse. Such an unique combination of the official devices of two great opposing powers probably has not another parallel in history.

The story of the finding of the Confederate half dollar is as follows: E. Mason Jr., a Philadelphia numismatist, prepared an article on rare coins for a New York newspaper

which appeared Jan. 2, 1879. A few days later he received a communication from a Dr. B. F. Taylor, secretary and treasurer of the Louisiana Board of Health, stating he had a Confederate coin in his possession. A few months later Taylor sent the original coin and die to Mason. Taylor had been chief coiner of the Confederate mint, and said the United States mint had been turned over to the Confederacy by the State of Louisiana the latter part of February 1861. The old officers retained the Confederate government were William A. Elmore, superintendent, A. J. Guirot, treasurer, M. F. Bazano, melter and refiner, and Howard Mispaugh, assayer.

In April 1861 Secretary of the Treasury Memminger ordered that designs for half dollar pieces be submitted to him for approval. The design selected was the one with which we are now familiar, and the dies were engraved by A. H. M. Peterson, engraver and die sinker, and were prepared for the coining press by Conrad Schmidt, foreman of the coining room.

It was found for some reason that the dies could not be fitted to the regular coining press, so it was necessary to use the old hand screw press upon which four were struck.

One of these coins was given to the Confederate government, and probably is the one Jefferson Davis is said to have owned. The second was presented to Prof. Biddle of the University of Louisiana; the third to Dr. E. Ames of New Orleans; and the fourth was kept by chief coiner Taylor.

About this time an order came from Secretary Memminger suspending operation on account of the difficulty of obtaining bullion, and the mint was closed on April 10, 1861.

Mason disposed of the coin and the Confederate reverse die to a New York dealer, who wrote a letter to Jefferson Davis in reference to the coin and was recipient of the following reply:

Beauvoir P.O.
Harrison Co., Miss.

Sirs:

I had a Confederate coin. It was in my wife's trunk when it was rifled by the Federal officers on board the prison ship on which she was detained at Hampton Roads before and after my confinement in Fortress Monroe. The coin, some medals and other valuables were stolen at that time. Whether that coin be the same which has been offered to you as a duplicate, I cannot say. It is however not true as published that it is now in my possession.

Regretting that I cannot give you more information on this particular subject of your inquiry, I remain

Respectfully
Jefferson Davis

The dealer obtained five hundred 1861 half dollars bearing the New Orleans mint letter "O", and had the reverse design removed from them. Then the coins were re-stamped with the reverse die of the Confederate half dollar. The die broke on the first trial, and was then set in a heavy steel band to prevent further damage. (All these restrikes show this die break.)

The five hundred half dollars of the New Orleans mint were obtained only after much difficulty. After the restrikes had been made the die was defaced by filing a deep groove across the face, and a brass plate was struck from the defaced die to show what had been done.

What became of the other coins seems destined to remain a mystery. Judging by the letter of Jefferson Davis it would seem that the Confederate President at that one time owned a specimen, which may have been the one given to the Confederate government at the time the pieces were coined.

The other two specimens, one of which had been given Prof. Biddle and the other to Dr. Ames, have never been heard of from that day to this, as far as is known, and probably now are no longer in existence.

CONFEDERATE CENT

An order to make cents for the Confederacy was placed with Robert Lovett, an engraver and die sinker of Philadelphia, through a jewelry firm of that city. Fearing arrest by the United States government for assisting the enemy, Lovett decided against delivering the coins to the Confederate government. He hid the coins and the dies in his cellar. Eightyone pieces had been struck; twelve originals and the rest as restrikes.

CONFEDERATE PAPER MONEY

The leaders of the South knew well the dangers of inflation, and original-

ly did not intend unlimited issues of paper money.

The paper money was to be backed by cotton. The South in 1860 had produced more than 4,000,000 bales of cotton, of which more than three-fourths had been exported. Half of this had gone to England. Planters were asked to contribute a portion of their crop to the government for which bonds were given in return, or as CSA vice president Stephens described it: "a loan of the cotton with the bonds being a profitable investment, selling above par if the Confederacy wins the war; if not they will be worth just as much as anything else you have, and nothing else you have will be worth anything". An accurate prediction.

Since the South produced most of the world's supply of cotton at that time there was no question of demand. That portion of the cotton loaned to it by the planters was expected to provide ample money for the government, to the tune of about $100,000,000 a year.

Unfortunately a flaw developed in their calculations. England had a good supply of cotton on hand, and the United States navy blockaded the ports of the South.

FIRST ISSUE

The Act of March 9, 1861 authorized treasury notes to be issued for such sums or sum as the emergencies of the public service might require, but not to exceed at any time $1,000,000 and in denominations not less than $50 for any such note "payable in twelve months after date" with interest at 1¢ per day for each $100. Redeemed notes could be replaced with new notes as long as the total sum of this issue outstanding did not exceed $1,000,000. Accordingly a totaling of the number of each denomination issued under the act shows an aggregate sum of $2,021,000, although not all in circulation at one time. This act expired March 1, 1862.

The first notes of $50 to $1,000 were dated at Montgomery, Ala., which was the Confederate capital until after Virginia seceded and the capital was moved to Richmond on May 24, 1861. This move was made because of the desire to have the capital close to the field of operations and because the Old Dominion had great prestige among the Southern cities.

This issue was engraved and printed by the National Bank Note Co. of New York. The South, lacking skilled engravers, arranged to have its first notes printed in the North and smuggled into the South. This was not too difficult, considering that there were many Southern sympathizers (including Mayor Wood of New York). Bank note companies have tended to have a business rather than a political basis, and as long as the printing is paid for it does not matter whether the government is an old established one or has just revolted.

Surprising as it may seem the vignettes used on Confederate notes were not wildly patriotic designs. Many notes did not even picture Southern scenes, but were vignettes used before in the North. For example, the central figure on the $500 note had appeared for a short time on the $1 note of the North Western Bank of Warren, Penn., so that the design was circulating in the North at the same time it appeared in the South. The first four series of Confederate issues contain many Northern vignettes or copied vignettes.

These notes bear various written dates (usually May or June, 1861), and usually endorsed on the back. They bear the signature of Alexander B. Clitherall as Register and E. C. Elmore as Treasurer of the Confederacy. First issue notes are on bank paper, and there is only one major variety for each note. This issue is often found in all conditions, often cut cancelled, including crisp specimens. In this connection they are somewhat in the nature of bonds, but are not bonds (coupon bearing bonds were issued by the Confederate government at the same time) being correctly described as "interest bearing paper money", many examples of which have been issued before and since by various banks and governments.

RICHMOND ISSUE 1861

This issue was printed under the same act as the Montgomery issue by the Southern Bank Note Co., New York, actually the American Bank Note Co., which had a branch in New Orleans. Printed on red fibre paper, written dates (usually August or September, 1861), written signatures of Robert Tyler as Register and E. C. Elmore as Treasurer of the Confed-

acy. Robert Tyler (son of John Tyler, tenth President of the United States) succeeded Clitherall as Register on Aug. 13, 1861.

SECOND ISSUE, JULY 1861

The Act of May 16, 1861 authorized treasury notes not exceeding $20,000,000 "fundable" in Confederate stock bearing 8% interest and payable "two years after date". The Act of July 24, 1861 authorized the Secretary to appoint clerks to assist the Treasurer and Register in signing these notes, since the quantity was too great for the two men alone. Apparently some of the notes had already been printed, as some varieties have the word "for" the Register and Treasurer written instead of printed.

THIRD ISSUE, SEPTEMBER 1861

This series of notes was authorized under the Act of August 9, 1861, and was not to exceed $100,000,000 outstanding at any one time, including the amount authorized under former acts. This was supplemented by an additional $50,000,000, authorized by the Act of Dec. 24, 1861, while a third Act of April 18, 1862 increased the total by an additional $50,000,000 without reserve, plus $10,000,000 more as reserve funds; a total of $60,000,000 and a grand total of $210,000,000. Section 21 of the Act of August 19, 1861 takes cognizance of making or passing counterfeits, with the penalty—death.

Encouraged by the rout of the Union forces at the first battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861, this issue states that it is payable "six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace", instead of two years as on previous issues.

Outside of the difficulty of obtaining competent engraving, the greatest problem of the Confederate Treasury was to obtain sufficient paper. The Confederacy had paper problems from the first, and they became greater with this large issue. It is perhaps not so remarkable that they issued such a great quantity of paper money, but that they were able to obtain sufficient paper to print all of it. In this day and age when we see new printed matter we are likely to overlook the fact that at the time of the Civil War paper was not produced in large quantitites. Instead of using paper pulp, paper was made from linen and cotton rags. An editor in Georgia thought it likely that paper could be made from wood pulp, but no one in the South acted on his idea at the time, although the process had been invented in Europe. So the twenty paper mills (1863) continued to call for rags of which they never received enough. Some paper was captured or smuggled in from the North, but the greater part of the paper came from England, and made its appearance in this series of notes.

FOURTH ISSUE, 1862

This issue, authorized by the Act of April 17, 1862, contains several interesting features. Section one authorized notes in the denomination of $1 and $2, although by some error some of the $2 notes contain an earlier date of Sept. 2, 1861. Section three authorized the $100 interest notes, which paid interest at the rate of 2¢ per day or double that of the Montgomery issue. This was an attempt to reduce circulation as these were to be held as a temporary investment. Later by an Act of Feb. 17, 1864 the $100 notes had their status changed to that of bonds. Another oddity of this issue is the $10 note dated Sept. 2, 1862, as well as the $10 and $20 "essay" notes of this date, none of which were authorized by this act.

FIFTH ISSUE, DECEMBER 1862

Under the Act of Oct. 13, 1862, $90,000,000 in Treasury notes were authorized. All denominations were engraved by Keatringe and Ball, but part of the lithographic and printing on the lower denominations was done by other firms. B. Duncan helped produce the $1, $10 and $20 notes; J. T. Paterson and Co. the $2, $5 and $20 notes; and Evans and Cogswell the $5 and $10 notes. Notes by these firms carry their imprint in addition to that of Keatringe and Ball. With addition of Evans and Cogswell to its printers, the Confederate government enlisted the aid of the largest publishing houses in the South.

Located in Charleston, So. Carolina, this firm moved to Columbia in 1864. At that time the firm had 74 printing presses, plus other equipment for book publishing as well as its printing work for the Confederate army and treasury. More than 300 persons were employed, of whom 74

had been brought in from Europe by blockade runners for the express purpose of working for this firm.

SIXTH ISSUE, APRIL 1863

In spite of the desire of the government to issue more bonds and reduce paper money circulation, people continued to demand more currency which resulted in further inflation. That the government was unable to stay the ever increasing production of its printing presses is vividly illustrated by the Act of March 23, 1863 which authorized this issue. The $5 to $100 notes could be issued in amounts not exceeding $50,000,000 monthly, plus a total of $15,000,000 in 50c, $1 and $2 notes (for an entire issue).

The Confederacy had not been defeated at Gettysburg and Vicksburg when this issue first appeared, but the pressure of war was making itself felt. With this issue all, except the three lower denominations, again carried the clause indicating that payment of the notes would be made "Two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace".

SEVENTH ISSUE, FEBRUARY 1864

Under the Act of Feb. 17, 1864 a new issue of notes was authorized, which were printed in unlimited quantities (probably about one billion dollars). All earlier notes were to be retired after being funded into bonds by certain dates after which any remaining notes were to be taxed out of existence. Apparently this effort to reduce circulation was not too successful, judging by the number of earlier issues still in existence.

By this time the value of the Confederate dollar was so low it did not matter much whether one redeemed his money in equally inflated bonds or not. Circulating side by side, one issue was worth as much as the other. The 1864 bonds given for exchange for redeemed notes were not immediately available from the printers, while later the supply of bonds at a given depository might be insufficient to equal the quantities of notes to be exchanged. To meet the emergency, Section Two of this Act provided for certificates to be given in lieu of bonds.

CONFEDERATE TREAS. NOTES

Relative purchasing power in gold.

Comparative Date	Notes per $1 gold
May 1, 1861	$ 1.05
October 1	1.10
October 15	1.12
November 15	1.15
December 1	1.20
February 1, 1862	1.25
March 1	1.50
April 1	1.75
May 1	1.90
June 1	2.00
August 1	2.20
September 1	2.50
February 1, 1863	3.00
March 1	3.50
May 1	6.00
July 1	8.00
August 1	10.00
December 1	21.00
March 1, 1864	26.00
April 1	19.00
May 1	20.00
September 1	23.00
December 1	32.00
January 1, 1865	60.00
April 1	80.00
April 20	100.00
May 1 (last exchange)	1200.00

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Getting out a publication is no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we're silly.

If we don't, they say we're too serious.

If we use stories from other publications, we're too lazy to write 'em ourselves.

If we don't, we're stuck on our own stuff.

If we make changes in the other fellow's write-up, we're too critical

If we don't, we are blamed for poor editing.

Now, like a shot, some guy will say we swiped this from another sheet.

Yep, he's right this time, as we CERTAINLY DID!

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Nov. 3-6, 1966 ..... Mission Inn, Riverside
Mrs. Sylvia Novack, co-chairman, P.O. Box 729, San Bernardino
Mrs. Nona Moore, co-chairman, P.O. Box 245, Fontana
Fred W. Coops Jr., bourse chairman, 457 North "E" St., San Bernardino
Howard S. Smith, exhibit chairman, P.O. Box 846, Redlands

Spring 1967 ..... Sacramento
Darvin L. "Ace" Reiswig, general chairman, 5518 24th St., Sacramento

Fall 1967 ..... Disneyland
William O. Wisslead, general chairman, 2053 Cypress, Santa Ana

Spring 1968 ..... San Francisco

ATTENTION PLEASE: Any South of the Tehachapi local club wishing to be host to the Fall 1968 CSNA convention is requested to submit their invitation to Dan Harley, CSNA President, 637 W. Arrow Hwy., Claremont, Calif. 91712.

OTHERS

June 17-19 ..... Third Annual Convention of International Numismatics
International Hotel, Los Angeles
Harvey L. Rose, general chairman, P.O. Box 577, La Mesa

July 9-10 ..... San Bernardino County Coin Club Third Annual Coin Show
Cafeteria Bldg., Orange Show Grounds, San Bernardino
Sylvia Novack, general chairman, 3532 Parkside Dr., San Bernardino

July 17 ..... California Exonumist Society—All Day Show
Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena

Aug. 5-7 ..... American Vecturist Assoc. Annual National Convention
Los Angeles

Aug. 16-20 ..... American Numismatic Assoc. Diamond Anniversary Convention
Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago
Harry X. Boosel, general chairman, P.O. Box 132, Northtown Station, Chicago, Ill. 60645

Sept. 10 ..... Eighth Annual Lake Tahoe Coin Club Coin Festival
Harvey's Resort Hotel Casino, South Lake Tahoe

Sept. 15-18 ..... Northern California Numismatic Assoc. Fifth Annual Coin and Currency Exhibition
Hilton Hotel, San Francisco
Col. Everett Higgins, general chairman, P.O. Box 5075, San Jose

Sept. 18 ..... Sixth Annual Ventura County Coin Club Coin-a-Rama
Recreation Center, 1261 E. Main St., Ventura
John Nichols, general chairman, 2016 E. Main St., Ventura

Oct. 8-9 ..... San Diego Inter-County Council Ninth Annual Coinarama
Scottish Rite Memorial Center, San Diego
Al Baber, general chairman, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon

Oct. 15-16 ..... Downey Numismatists Coin Show
Downey Elks Patio Room, Downey
Walter T. Snyder, general chairman, 8100 Lena Ave., Canoga Park

Oct. 22-23 ..... West Valley Coin Club Eighth Annual Coin Showcase
Carpenters Hall, Van Nuys Bldg., Van Nuys
Ed Borgolte, general chairman, P.O. Box 2595, Sepulveda

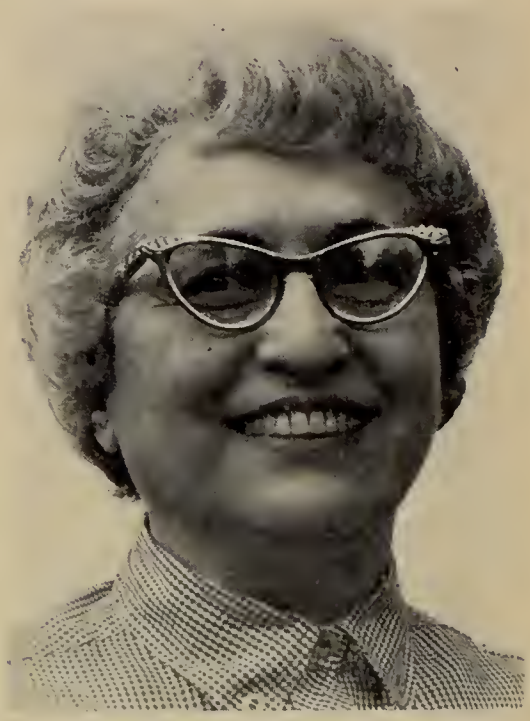
ATTENTION ALL LOCAL CLUB OFFICERS:

Your editors have in the past been severely criticized for not listing the date and location of various local coin shows. However, those criticizing us are the very ones who failed to furnish us with the information. May we please have your cooperation in the future in order that we may keep our Calendar of Numismatic Events as complete and accurate as possible.

Who's Who in California Numismatics

By VIRGINIA CULVER

ALVA CHRISTENSEN



ETHEL R. STONE

There is certainly nothing unusual about partnerships among dealers of numismatic items. That is to say, with one exception—that exception being **Alva Christensen** and **Ethel R. Stone** of Temple City. This unique partnership is the only one of distaff in numismatics! This partnership has already been in existence for eighteen years, so it is far from the infancy stage. This partnership has operated successfully through four different types of businesses which makes it most obvious that the partners are the prime factor in success . . . not the business. Their personal backgrounds and accomplishments add even more interest to their association.

Alva was born in Connecticut, but spent her childhood days in Georgia. Her flair for writing, her gregarious personality plus her determination for knowledge led to the distinction of being the first American woman to enter the Soviet Union, traveling with only a girl friend by auto throughout the country. Alva and her friend were just out of high school, but they wanted to "make the world safe for democracy" in 1933. During her stay there, she was paid to write a series of articles for the Moscow Daily News (the Communist controlled English newspaper). Her political opinions of Russia soon became evident which brought this series to a brief three articles. However, her articles were carried in the Chicago Tribune, and how that contract was negotiated while she was in Russia would make a wonderful "Secret Agent" story. After her return to the United States, her calendar was filled with speaking engagements across the country for every type of organization including the military.

Deciding that her defense plant job was not sufficient contribution to the war effort in 1943, Alva enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and went straight from basic training to officer candidate school. Peace came in 1945, just after she had been selected from more than half a million women to take a detachment of 300 wom-

en into Russia. That assignment will forever remain unknown. After her 3 years, 3 months, and 3 days in the service Alva came to California and taught school in Danville for two years. During her army career, she had had to resort to writing carbon copies of her letters to friends scattered everywhere. These weekly letters were known as "Crumbs from Chris," and each week the mailing list grew until friends of friends of friends were keeping in touch through this medium. Soon the WAC Journal evolved from the crumbs and it continued to grow into an offset booklet. Its phenomenal growth, interest, and paid circulation ended her teaching activities and brought her to New York. Two more years of growth and it became the All Women's Service Journal, including every branch of service. This monthly magazine was published and edited by Alva until 1956. Its associate editor since 1948 was Ethel . . . their first successful partnership operation.

Ethel was born and raised in Philadelphia in a large family which possessed much musical talent. In 1926 at the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration held in Philadelphia, Ethel became the first person to publically sing over a public address system which was being demonstrated to the crowds for the first time. After high school graduation, she worked briefly as a secretary at the Board of Education before pursuing her career as a dress designer. This career took her to New York where she worked for various manufacturers specializing in evening wear for women. When the famous French courturier, Pierre Balmain came to New York to do a season there, his assistant was none other than Ethel.

In 1942, Ethel felt the need to do more for her country during its time of strife so she took an aptitude test to determine her abilities. The results of this test showed an unusual ability in mathematics—the ability to visualize mathematically in various dimensions. After only three months in night school, she started as a tool designer for the war effort.

When the war ended, the famous partnership moved from New York to Connecticut to the historical John Booth house and it was dubbed "Holiday House." Ethel soon found the lure of her wartime work much more exciting than her dress designing so she went to work for the Royal Typewriter Company where she did all of the tooling of the company. It was here that she did a sand-resin casting of the receiver for the Browning automatic rifle for the Springfield Armory in Massachusetts. From Royal she moved to the Underwood Typewriter Company where she worked on assembly fixtures when they changed the entire mechanics of their model.

During their residence in Connecticut with both partners working full time jobs, they entered into their second enterprise. "Holiday House" was situated on 12 acres of abundant ground which produced fruits and produce of all varieties. Through the pages of the AWS Journal, they sold and distributed home-made jams, jellies, and relishes.

The fall of 1956 found Ethel and Alva arriving in California, and settling in Alhambra where they purchased and operated an antique shop. This third enterprise grew, necessitating their move to Duarte in 1958 to the Red Barn Antique Shop. When they discovered that 80 percent of their business had come from the sale of coins they disposed of their antiques and moved to their present location in Temple City in order to devote full time to numismatics.

Affectionately known as "the Girls," Ethel and Alva can be found at the major coin shows throughout the country. They belong to all the major numismatic organizations including many charter memberships and a life membership in ANA. They take an active part in many clubs having held and are holding high offices in them. Their calendar is always full of speaking engagements for numismatic organizations and conventions and their willingness to serve on various committees is endless. In addition to daily shop hours, they issue at least four mail bid auctions per year which have gained international prominence, because of the varied type of material offered and the excellent cataloging.

Ethel and **Alva** bring to the hobby a rare combination of human interest that is not always found in today's highly competitive world. To know them is to enjoy them. A successful partnership does depend on the partners!

NUMISMATIC COURSE COMPLETED

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON, Long Beach

During March 1966, Southern Californians had an opportunity to hear a series of four numismatic educational lectures at the college level in Long Beach. Some 124 collectors enrolled for the two hour weekly courses.

The opening lecture was given by **Charles M. Johnson** on "The Story of Money", together with a short survey of basic numismatic knowledge. **Joel L. Malter,** a history teacher and professional numismatist, delivered the next lecture "Money of the Ancient Romans, Greeks and the Bible". He was followed by **William D. Craig,** author and authority on modern coinage of the world who spoke on "World Coins in Relation to History and Art". **Cyrus H. Phillips,** a veteran numismatist, lecturer and student of U.S. coins, closed the series with his lecture, "The Historical Background of U.S. Coins and Paper Money."

More than 180 slides of outstanding and significant coins and paper money were shown. Many of the collector's pieces discussed were on display, together with numismatic literature relating to the lecture series.

The history and development of coinage in Western civilization was traced from its beginning in the seventh century B.C. to the present. Some of the bits of numismatic wisdom and highlights taken from the four lectures were:

Numismatics is defined as the systematic collection and study of coins, paper money and different media of exchange in relation to history, art, archeology and other humanistic disciplines.

Numismatics is an old and popular activity, that extends as far back into time as coins themselves. It is a world-wide activity that knows no geographical boundaries, race or creed.

The literature of numismatics for study and research is immense, but for the most part is not available in public libraries and book stores and must be as avidly sought as coins themselves.

Intelligent study should precede and join the intelligent pursuit of numismatics.

As with most great inventions, the invention of coins was a relatively simple idea—a coin is a fixed weight of metal stamped with a seal or device of a sovereign state which guarantees its weight, purity and value as a medium of exchange.

Coins are collected: (1) for their beauty and artistic merit; (2) the stories they tell; (3) their many educational benefits (coin collecting can be an education in itself, with many numismatists becoming outstanding scholars); (4) they provide the opportunity to own a genuine collection of antiques at a modest cost (but one that if formed with care and judgment will generally appreciate in value); and (5) they satisfy the need for an absorbing and enjoyable leisure time activity.

During four separate periods in the history of our country the bulk of its paper money became worthless — known to numismatists as the Colonial, Continental, State and Broken Bank, and Confederate notes periods.

One of the great lessons of numismatic history is that unscrupulous rulers and sovereign states find it easier to debase the currency than levy taxes to meet budgetary deficits to pay for wars, depressions and governmental extravagance. Thus many states go down the road to financial ruin. Progress, civilization and culture depend on a sound monetary system, and when the monetary lessons of history, known to numismatists, are ignored by politicians, governments and money managers, the seeds of ruin and collapse are sown.

Through coin portraiture the realistic and idealized portraits of great men and their deeds have been preserved.

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CALCOIN NEWS WANTED

We are in need of copies of Calcoin News, volume 5, number 1, January, 1951.

Any member having a copy which he no longer needs, is asked to please forward it to our historian, William O. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92707.

BOOK REVIEW

"Wooden Nickels, Or, The Decline and Fall of Silver Coins" by **William F. Rickenbacker** is a 191 page book (no illustrations) recently released by Arlington House Publishers.

Eight chapters:—
1—The Great Coin Shortage
2—Silver: Supply and Demand
3—Silver and the U.S. Treasury
4—The Treasury Muffs the Challenge
5—Problems in Altering a Coinage
6—President Johnson Flunks Out
7—An Opportunity Missed
8—The Outlook
plus special notes, glossary and an appendix make up the interesting material in this book.

The author presents his opinion as to why silver is disappearing in our coinage, traces the Treasury Department's policies over the past ten years, and foresees a recurrence of Gresham's Law, with our new coinage ("bad money") driving out our old silver coins ("good money"). He sharply criticizes President Johnson's Executive Message on Silver Coinage of June 3, 1965, and concluded: "For the first time, we are on a money based on a politician's pledge—nothing more."

If not available at your local coin dealer, this book may be ordered direct from Arlington House Publishers, 81 Centre Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801. Price $3.95.

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Editor's note:—

While I do not completely agree with all the statements made by the author, he has presented this material in a very clear-cut and easy-to-read manner. His book, in my opinion, should be included in the library of every collector of U.S. coins.

Rickenbacker very forcibly brings out the point that the bona fide coin collector and the serious numismatist should not be blamed in any way at all for the recent coin shortage.

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The Peace Dollar is one of the most Roman of all American coins. The head-dress was a favorite design on many ancient Roman coins.

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Money doesn't go so far these days —but it's still always just beyond reach.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

My thanks to **Les Lodge** for contributing a set of **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society bulletins** from January 1958 to December 1965. We now have in our library a complete set of PCNS bulletins (and Les has promised to keep us supplied with future issues as they come out).

It would be appreciated if the secretaries and editors of our local California clubs furnish me with copies of their bulletins or newsletters. These will be bound, and will be a valuable addition to our ever-growing library.

—DOROTHY BEAULIEU

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A condor is a gold coin of Chile that bears a condor bird on the reverse.

Fresno Convention

By DENNIS OLSWANG

Three cheers to the **Fresno Numismatic Society** for hosting the **38th semi-annual CSNA convention**—the **third time** in that city—a **three-time winner.** Many, many thanks to **S. Everett Phillips,** general chairman, his hard-working committees, and members of the society for putting on an excellent and very congenial convention.

ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR

Paid registration numbered more than 2,000.

Excellent accommodations were provided by the Del Webb Towne-House. Convention facilities were in the compact, but spacious, lower section of the building. A beautiful view of the San Joaquin Valley was to be seen from the higher floors of the skyscraper. The 82 to 98 degree weather was provided for the entire week in the day time, with cool breezes in the evenings.

To start off the activities **Mayor Floyd H. Hyde** proclaimed the week of April 10, 1966 to be **COIN WEEK.** Taped for replay on television was the ribbon cutting ceremony at which Fresno County Supervisor **Joseph A. Reich** spoke.

A main attraction was the convention medal, designed by **Fred E. Tinkham,** depicting Yosemite Falls. The medal was struck in goldene bronze, nickel-silver and sterling silver. Lead trial proofs are also known.

Excellent publicity via newspapers, radio and television was provided by **Ronnie Carr** and **Ray Grant.**

On the convention floor at all times was Sergeant-at-Arms **Rudy Gjurovich,** looking as cheerful as ever and wearing his famous "King of the Koin Kollectors" money suit.

An ANA representative was present, and books from the Whitman publishing company were on hand. (The books were later donated to the FNS library.) Free sample copies of COINage magazine, Coin World, Numismatic News, Western Coin Collector and World Coins were available.

Famed author **William Saroyan** dropped in on Saturday to view the exhibits.

"THE TIRELESS THREE"

Arriving early on the scene were those select members of an unique group known as the "Tireless Three". Yes, **Roy Hill** and **Mattie** and **Irving Knickerbocker** have now attended all 38 conventions!

Everyone is looking forward to seeing this clan at the 39th and 40th conventions—for twenty years of perfect attendance.

EXHIBITS

More than 2,400 persons viewed the exhibits displayed by 37 exhibitors, who used 109 cases for 52 separate exhibits.

Three fine displays were the Medals of John F. Kennedy; World Crown Varieties, which provided the viewer the sight of both sides of the coins as they were mounted in such a manner that an electric motor provided a continual revolution of the crowns; and the Best-of-Show winning display entitled "A Numismatic Tour of Israel", a six-case exhibit with a beautiful royal blue background.

In the non-competitive section were: "Midas Touch", the collection of rare U.S. and Territorial gold coins of **Ronnie Carr;** the Panama Pacific International Exposition Presentation Set No. one, shown by **Robert Johnson;** the 1913 Liberty Head nickel of **J. V. McDermott;** Pony Express medals and guns of **Waddell F. Smith;** the CSNA Californiana collection of trade checks set up by **John Reynolds;** "The Making of Calcoin News" by **Dennis Olswang,** depicting the various steps necessary to produce our quarterly publication; and the coins and documents removed from the cornerstone of the old Fresno County courthouse, which were placed therein in 1874. (After 92 years the coins retained much of their lustre. To be noted is that there were only 1,122 voters in Fresno in 1874.)

The exhibits were well handled by **Bob Efker,** chairman.

FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM

It was standing room only for late arrivals as more than 50 persons attended the Friday night forum.

Chairman **Wayne Higbee** intro-

duced **Cyrus H. Phillips** who spoke on the history of U.S. coins and currency. Phillips also gave a comprehensive explanation of the symbols and heraldry used on the U.S. Great Seal. The 45 minute talk was highlighted with a showing of colored slides of coins and currency.

Higbee then introduced **Kenneth E. Bressett** who explained the inner workings of how information is compiled and edited for use in the "Red Book". He covered all phases from colonial coins to commemoratives. Pieces which have become lower priced, and some which have become more valuable, were discussed. Bressett hinted at a few of the series which might become good selections for the investor.

BOURSE

William Lee, his first time at the job, was an outstanding bourse chairman.

Almost every town and city in California was represented by 68 dealers. Some also came from such far places as New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, Minnesota, and even Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

A nice selection of nineteenth century U.S. coins was offered at many of the tables. Some unusual offerings were: a 1776 Continental dollar in pewter; U.S. $4 Stella; ancient gold pieces; very large foreign medals; an 1861 four piece Maundy Set in original case; proof set of Morgan dollars; a possibly unique set of twenty cent patterns; a set of CC mint double eagles; an unc specimen of the 1796 dime; and a select collection of copper two cent pieces. Noticeably absent were quantities of Indian and Lincoln cents. Buffalo nickels were in short supply. Quite a few of the scarce Mexican pieces were available.

The dealers were pleased with the security handled by **Thomas Duffy.**

LADIES ENTERTAINMENT

Fashions by Marguerite and wigs by the House of Wigs were featured at the Friday ladies luncheon, consisting of tuna salad and a parfait dessert. Twenty-nine ladies were in attendance, with **Mrs. Dorothy Lee** and **Mrs. Wilma Phillips** acting as co-chairmen of the event.

TOURS AND FILMS

A small but friendly group of 20 rode on the tour arranged by **James Creagmile.** High points of the tour were a ride through the residential district, Roeding Park, Storyland, and a stop at a wine tasting room. (We trust everyone sampled?)

A few of the out-of-town guests had to help the bus driver locate some of the spots as he "hadn't been down here for several years".

Visitors also enjoyed a tour through the Berven rug mills and an exciting shopping spree on Fresno's downtown million dollar mall. A ride on the mall tram was a welcome relief from the heat.

Erwin Sawall, convention photographer, provided periodic daily showings of the film "Money Makers of Canada" and slides of coin alterations.

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Cut-Lines

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Top Row—(left to right)—General chairman Everett Phillips, King of the Koin Kollectors Rudy Gjurovich, County Supervisor Joseph A. Reich, and CSNA president Dan Harley. The busy registration desk, Charles Colver in the background supervising. An ANA meeting?—Jack Koch, Herb Bergen and Charles Johnson. Bourse chairman William Y. Lee and general chairman Everett Phillips. Leaving for the bus trip. John Cobb, in charge of the auction.

Second Row—Frank Roza, assisting with the auction. CSNA executive board meeting. Viewing the exhibit of coins removed from the corner stone of the old county court house. Frank and Erma Roza and Erich Werling looking at Erich's exhibit. Ronnie Carr alongside his famous gold exhibit. The 1915 PPIE Presentation Set no. 1.

Third Row—R. Paul Endler and one of his prize winning exhibits. The "brains" of Calcoin News—Dennis Olswang, Peggy Borgolte and Les Lodge. Steve Kosoff, popular dealer, and Jack Koch, ANA acting secretary. "The Tireless Three"—Roy Hill, Mattie Knickerbacker and Irving Knickerbacker. John Reynolds and Ralph "Curly" Mitchell discussing exonumia.

Fourth Row—A table at the ladies luncheon. Mrs. Wilma Phillips and Mrs. Dorothy Lee relaxing upon completion of their duties as hostesses at the ladies luncheon. Ken Bressett, one of the forum speakers. The Bruce Davis Quintet, Saturday night banquet entertainment. A group of well known CSNA members enjoying themselves at the banquet. Mike Newton, junior first prize exhibit winner.

Fifth Row—Mrs. Sylvia Novack receiving the Best of Show award from exhibit awards chairman Milton Strauch. Close up view of the Best of Show medal. Thomas R. Duffy, president of Fresno Numismatic Society. Fred E. Tinkham, assistant general chairman, Everett Phillips, general chairman, and smiling Dan Harley, CSNA president. Ralph Mitchell exhibiting the plaster cast from which the Past President's Medal was made of Lou Panosh—with Lou Panosh and Doc Emmons looking on. Lou Panosh and Doc Emmons congratulating each other upon being the recipients of a Past President's Medal.

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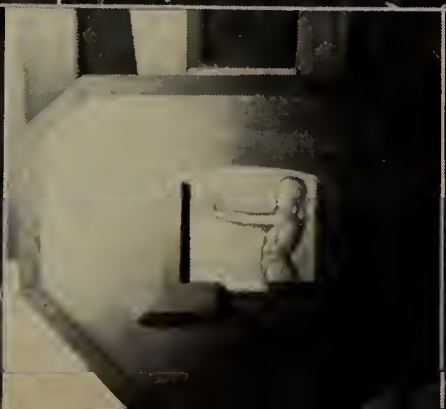

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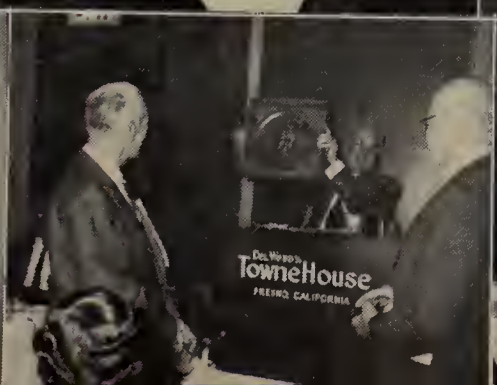

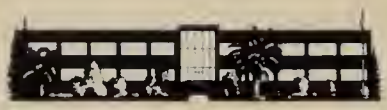

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the California State Numismatic Association is composed of members and friends having a common interest in the collection and study of coins, currency and medals, and

WHEREAS, the coin collectors of this country are a fine and honorable cross section of the land, and

WHEREAS, coin collectors engage in a fascinating hobby and one to be equally respected with that of the arts, philately, sports or any others in every country of the world, and

WHEREAS, numismatics is an international hobby pursued and enjoyed by all without regard to race, creed or color, and

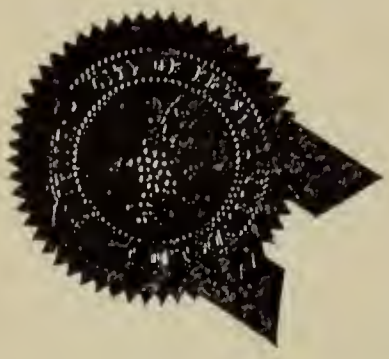
WHEREAS, the science of numismatics serves as a bridge between this country and other countries of the world for better understanding and good will, and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Numismatic Society is host club to the 38th semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd H. Hyde, Mayor of the City of Fresno, do hereby proclaim the week of April 10th, 1966, to be

COIN WEEK

in Fresno.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fresno to be affixed this 7th day of April, 1966

Floyd H. Hyde
MAYOR

AUCTION

The 1100 lot, two session, auction, conducted by auctioneer **John Cobb,** contained a nice selection of U.S. half cents and large cents, U.S. and foreign gold coins, an assortment of quarters 1796 to 1964, a group of Roman sestertii, an unusual variety of major mint errors, some scarce half dollars, and a few desirable Canadian coins. A star offering of the auction was the 1944-D Lincoln cent struck in zinc coated steel.

A superb unc 1915 cent brought a one-half estimate of $125; while the unc 1909 commanded a bid of $7.50 and a 1904 proof cent went for $45. The key 1873, open "3", proof two cent sold at $517.50; and a scarce 1872-S silver dollar in gem condition brought $175. A Hawaiian set brought a high of $385; as well as a 1911-D

quarter in unc condition bringing $285.

Uncirculated sets were popular with the Jefferson nickels going for $175; the Franklin halves for $171; and the Roosevelt dimes for $60.

A 1916 Standing Liberty quarter in VG brought $340; whereas an unc specimen of the same date went for only $695. Some Canadian dollars brought near estimate bids.

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by president **Dan Harley**, on Saturday morning.

There was a discussion on the possible printing of a special issue of Calcoin News, in which the best articles of past years would be reprinted.

A vote of thanks was extended to the convention general chairman for putting on a fine show.

Historian **Bill Wisslead** announced he needs a copy of Calcoin News, volume 5, number 1, for the state collection.

Mrs. Sylvia Novack reported on the progress of the coming convention at Riverside, Nov. 3-6. Mrs. Novack and **Mrs. Nona Moore** are the General Co-Chairmen. Plans are progressing for the Spring 1967 convention at Sacramento. **Roy Hill** expressed the desire of the San Francisco Coin Club to host the Spring 1968 meeting. President Harley discussed the lack of response of a sponsor for the fall convention in 1968, to be held in the southland.

It was announced that Life Memberships in CSNA are to be made available. (Details are covered by a separate article in this issue of Calcoin News.)

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Ray Grant welcomed the 181 who attended the banquet and introduced **The Bruce Davis Quintet**, perennial headliner of the Las Vegas Hacienda. These energetic recording artists were well received, and were very entertaining.

After dining on an Armenian shish kebab and rice pilaff meal, topped off with tasty cheese cake and a glass of California Sherry Wine, order and silence were called as chairman **Phillips** introduced FNS president **Tom Duffy**, who in turn introduced CSNA president **Dan Harley**. Harley then introduced master-of-ceremonies **Ralph "Curley" Mitchell**.

The long awaited **Medal of Merit** was awarded to a shocked and speechless **Lesley G. Lodge**, for his four hard-working years of service as editor of Calcoin News. (Les is the ninth member in nineteen years to receive this special award.)

Milton Strauch made the exhibit awards; with Best-of-Show going to **Sylvia Novack** for "A Numismatic Tour of Israel".

Phillips thanked and introduced all convention committee chairmen.

Fred E. Tinkham presented **Phillips** with Fresno Numismatic Society life membership No. 6.

R. Paul Endler disposed of ten numismatic door prizes and one martini set to the lucky winners.

The highlight of the banquet and of the convention, and a complete surprise to everyone, was the awarding of the Past President Medals honoring **Dr. Calvert L. Emmons**, president emeritus, known affectionately as "Doc", and past president **Leonel C. Panosh.** An extremely handsome set of medals struck in gold, silver and bronze were presented to each of them. What makes these medals desireable and unusual is that they bear their portraits. (This fine work is the product of Western area artist **Don Dow.**) To top the awards off they were also presented with large plaster likenesses in fine wooden and glass frames.

LITERARY AWARDS

At the banquet **Bryan O. Burke, Jr.** made the literary awards for the best articles appearing in the 1965 issues of **Calcoin News.** Award judges were: **Burke, John Lenker** and **Ralph Mitchell.**

First award went to **Leo N. Kukuranov** for his article "Emperor Akbar—The Man Behind the Coins". **Erma C. Stevens** took the second award for "Growing Interest in Mexico Coinage". Both articles appeared in the Spring 1963 issue. This is the second time Kukuranov has won the first award.

SUNDAY CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

The traditional club officers breakfast was substituted with an excellent champagne breakfast with 44 in attendance.

S. Everett Phillips welcomed all to the breakfast. **Dan Harley** thanked the **Fresno Numismatic Society** for putting on a wonderful convention.

Doc Emmons told of the good job done; and **Lou Panosh** said that he is looking forward to CSNA's return to Fresno for a fourth convention.

FRESNO CONVENTION MEDAL

The official Fresno convention medal was designed by **Fred E. Tinkham,** a CSNA charter member, and well-known numismatist in the San Joaquin Valley area.

On the obverse, as shown above, is the famed Yosemite Falls, and on the reverse our CSNA seal.

This is indeed a fitting companion piece to the one issued for our Nov. 1965 San Diego convention (which depicts the Cabrillo National Monument). Perhaps we can continue with these historical and definitely California-type medals at our coming conventions.

These medals were issued in silver (a very limited number), and in nickel-silver and goldene bronze. The goldene bronze medals were issued to each person officially registering, and the nickel-silver to each person attending the banquet, while the silver ones were issued to several VIP's.

A few of the silver medals are still available, price $10 each; and a limited number of the goldene bronze ones are also on hand, price 50¢ each. These may be ordered from Charles G. Colver, CSNA Secretary, 611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, Calif. 91722.

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Exhibits and Awards

ADAMS, Lee, Hanford. "Coins of Two World Powers."

ADAMS, Leonard, Fresno. "Royal Thaiment Presentation Set."

AWTRY, Hugh, Fresno. "Tid Bits and Two Bits."

BEERY, Chuck, Modesto. "The Two Bit History of the American West"—**Third Class Award.** "That Makes Cents"—**Second Class Award.** "The General." "Lincolniana." "About Nickels"—**Third Class Award.** "The Graveyard."

BETTON, James, Santa Monica. "Provincial Australian Token Coinage"—**Second Class Award.** "Military Decorations of France"—**First Class Award.**

BURKE, Bryan, San Bernardino. "CSNA Display"—Non-competitive.

CARR, Ronnie, Tulare. "The Midas Touch"—Non-competitive.

COOPER, Tom, Fresno. "Complete Two Cent Set and Miscellaneous."

ENDLER, R. Paul, Clovis. "In God We Trust and Liberty Bell'—**First Class Award.** "The Five Keys"—**First Class Award.**

FEAVER, Cliff, Hanford. "U. S. Type Set"—**Third Award (Juniors).**

FRESNO, County Of. "Coins and Papers From the Court House Corner Stone" —Non-competitive.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. "CSNA Calcoin News, Spring 1948 and Spring 1958 Conventions at Fresno."

GJUROVICH, Rudy, San Jose. "Ancient Chinese."

GLEESON, W. L., Fresno. "Coins of Siam"—**Third Class Award.**

GREENE, Gordon Z., Arcadia. "Production and Distribution of U.S. Paper Money."

HIGBEE, Wayne, Fresno. "Coins of the Bible"—**Third Class Award.**

JOHNSON, Robert R., San Francisco. "Pan Pacific Presentation Set No. 1"—Non-competitive.

KOEPKE, Otto, Corcoran. "Ancient Gold Coins.—**First Class Award.**

LAGER, Laura, Hillsborough. "Mottos On and Off U.S. Coins"—**Third Class Award.**

LAGER, Dr. Melvin P., Hillsborough. "U.S. Gold From Seven Mints"—**Second Class Award.**

LOWELL, Dave, Fresno. "Cents 1793 to 1958"—**Second Award (Juniors).**

MALTER, Joel L., Venice. "Papal Bullae and Seal Dies"—**Second Class Award.**

McDERMOTT, J. V., Milwaukee, Wisc. "1913 Liberty Head Nickel"—Non-competitive.

NEWTON, Mike, Fresno. "Trade Dollars of the World"—**First Award (Juniors).**

NOVACK, Sylvia, San Bernardino. "Numismatic Tour of Israel"—**First Class Award** and **Best of Show.**

OLSWANG, Dennis, Fresno. "The Making of Calcoin News"—Non-competitive.

PARKER, Irene, San Francisco. "Orders and Decorations"—**Second Class Award.**

PHILLIPS, S. Everett, Fresno. "Medals of John F. Kennedy"—**Second Class Award.**

PICKETT, Woody, San Andreas. "World Crown Varieties"—**First Class Award.**

READ, Clay, Sun Valley. "World Olympic Medals"—**First Class Award.**

REYNOLDS, John R., Clovis. "Monies of the California Gold Country"—**Third Class Award.** "Mark Pennies of California"—**Third Class Award.** "The Show Must Go On"—**Third Class Award.** "Tokens of Fresno County"—Non-competitive. "Tokens of California Token Society"—Non-competitive.

SMITH, Waddell F., San Rafael. "Pony Express Medals"—Non-competitive.

TINKHAM, Fred, Hanford. "World War II O.P.A. Red Tokens"—**Third Class Award.** "Evolution of a Medal"—**Second Class Award.** "Past Presidents of Fresno Numismatic Society"—Non-competitive. "Past Presidents of Hanford Coin Club"—Non-competitive.

WATERSON, R. E., Fresno. "Coins of Mexico"—**Second Class Award.**

WEISDORN, Lawrence, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. " Canada Type Set."

WERLING, Erich, Oakland. "Oversize Multiple Talers of Brunswick Duchies" —**First Class Award.**

WOODWARD, Dixie, Stockton. "Popes of the Twentieth Century"—**Second Class Award.**

WOODWARD, Robert B., Stockton. "China's Junk Dollar"—**First Class Award.** "The World Coin"—**Second Class Award.**

ZAGARIN, Mike, Culver City. "English Crowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries"—**First Class Award.**

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Exhibit Chairman—Robert G. Efker

Exhibit Awards Chairman—Milton C. Strauch

Exhibit Award Judges—Kenneth E. Bressett, Clifford L. Liss, Lesley G. Lodge, Don T. Thrall

RIVERSIDE CONVENTION

The **39th semi-annual CSNA convention,** to be held in Riverside, Nov. 3-6, is well into the final planning stages with most of the committees already hard at work.

The convention will be held in the beautiful, picturesque Mission Inn, with its majestic grandeur of early California charm.

San Bernardino County Coin Club, organized in 1948, and under the direction of its president, **Dr. Fred W. Gutekunst,** will be the host club.

Fred W. Coops, well-known coin dealer in San Bernardino, and **Alexander Balogh,** Riverside dealer, are bourse chairmen. For information as to the bourse, write to Coops at 457 N. "E" St., San Bernardino. The number of tables will be limited, so it is advisable to get in an early reservation.

Exhibit chairman is **Howard Smith** of Redlands. The exhibit room will be the beautiful Galleria in the Inn, and with its lovely surroundings will show off the many displays anticipated. Among these will be a fabulous collection of foreign material, set up in plastic individually by countries — a sight to behold!

Exhibit invitations and hotel data will go out with the next issue of Calcoin News. However, if any further information is desired, contact either of the general co-chairmen: **Mrs. Sylvia Novack,** P.O. Box 729, San Bernardino, or **Mrs. Nona G. Moore,** P.O. Box 245, Fontana.

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REPORTS FROM

OUR OUT OF STATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

From **Charles R. Hoskins,** acting director of the Money Museum, **National Bank of Detroit,** Detroit, Mich., came the following:

"New displays are the keynote of 1966 activities at our Money Museum. Already on exhibit: a new collection of ancient Greek and Roman coins, and a portable display of the highest military and civilian awards and decorations from seventy-odd nations. Planned for later in the year: exhibits on the history of European coinage, the history of inflation, and the Nobel Peace Prize.

"All CSNA members when visiting in Detroit are invited to drop in at our Money Museum."

(Editor's note: I am sure that Charles Hoskins will spread out the red carpet for our members visiting the National Bank of Detroit's Money Museum. Be sure to introduce yourself to him.)

The following letter has just been received from **Clark J. Guild,** Chairman, Board of Trustees, **Nevada State Museum,** Carson City, Nevada:

"Thank you so much for the Winter and Spring issue of Calcoin News, and for placing me on the complimentary mailing list.

"You may be sure that in the future if we have something worthwhile in your line we will be very glad to forward it to you."

From **Miss Barbara Mueller** (our Jefferson, Wisconsin member) came a card:

"I have forwarded the copy of **'Calcoin News'** to Mr. Barnsley. You did a fine job of reproducing his article in your magazine.

"Glad you like **'Paper Money'.** Coming from you, that is a real compliment."

(Editor's note: The article referred to by Miss Mueller, editor of 'Paper Money' is "The Treasury of North America", which appeared in the previous issue of Calcoin News. As is my practice, when re-printing an article from a non-member of CSNA, a complimentary copy of 'Calcoin News' was sent to the author.)

From the **Denver Coin Club,** host to the **Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association's Annual Coin Convention,** to be held at the Albany Hotel, Denver, Colo., Sept. 23-25, comes an invitation to our California members to attend this affair in the "mile-high" city.

Dan Brown, one of our Denver members, is co-chairman of the publicity committee.

Congratulations are in order to our Oak Park, Ill. member, **Glenn B. Smedley**, on his recent appointment as editor of **"The Numismatist"**, official publication of the **American Numismatic Association.**

Our best wishes to Glenn; and we are certain that he will do his best to keep that publication on the high level at which it is and to which it belongs.

From **John E. Hartman**, editor of **"Voice of the Turtle"**, official publication of **The Ancient Coin Club of America**, came the following:

"It was a pleasure to review your magazine. It is impressive that the state organizations are doing a fine job of producing diverse fare for the collectors. Keep up the good work."

NEWS, VIEWS AND WHOS

North of the Tehachapis

By DENNIS OLSWANG

Carl Heuer was elected president of the Diablo Numismatic Society, Concord. Elected to serve with him were: **Dal Herring**, vice president; **Jewell Barney**, treasurer; **Sue Manthei**, secretary; and **M. Crain**, librarian.

The **Collector's Coin Club of San Jose** recently changed its meeting time to the third Thursday of each month. A new room in the Citizens' Federal Savings and Loan in the downtown area made the change possible.

Glen Murray was appointed president of the **Marin Coin Club**, Mill Valley, to fill the unexpired term of Jack Repp, who resigned because of moving to another area.

Dr. Charles Aby, noted authority on Mexican coinage, recently reported to the club on his trip into Mexico and the Mexican Mint.

New officers of the **Bakersfield Coin Club** are: **Ken Feer**, president; **Bea Pattison**, vice president; **T. H. Boss**, secretary; **Charles Hartman**, treasurer; and **E. Southwick**, corresponding secretary. **Mary Abbott** will serve as librarian.

A presentation gavel was given to out-going president **Elmer Riffle**, in appreciation of his outstanding service to the club.

More than 2000 visitors viewed the 52 interesting exhibits at the club's fifth annual three-day show held the latter part of April. First prize exhibit winners were: **H. J. Curnow**, U. S. General; **Otto Koepke**, Gold, all types; **Don Feer**, Proof Coins; **Larry Curnow**, Foreign Coins; **Jack Leviner**, Paper Money; **H. J. Curnow**, Medals and Tokens; and **Sally Marx**, Specialized. Grand Prize winner went to **Sally Marx** for her beautiful and educational exhibit of Primitive Monies. Junior first grand prize went to **Larry Curnow**. A special award for the oldest collector went to **Warren Pattison Sr.**, age 87.

Dealers from Ohio, Texas, Arizona, Utah and Nevada (as well as California) were among the 34 present. The dealers reported sales as being very good.

Irvin Kraft spoke on the varieties of the 1965 Canadian silver dollar at a recent meeting of the **Delano Coin Club.**

Lt. Don Watson, chief of detective bureau of the Modesto Police Department, spoke at a spring meeting of the **Modesto-Turlock Coin Club.**

The Lieutenant told the collectors the safest place to keep their valued collections is in a bank vault. If they want to keep them at home, he said, collectors should have one or more of the following: metal windows, proper locks, a watch-dog, a 500 pound

or heavier safe, a burglar alarm, and/or a silent alarm connected to the police department dispatcher.

He said collectors should always notify the police when they expect to be away from home. He further stated that the average coin burglary takes place in daylight hours, and that the burglaries are accomplished in a minimum of three and one-half minutes to the maximum of seventeen minutes.

Oroville Coin Club elected **Harold Gibbons** as president at a recent meeting; with **Clifford Cason** as vice president; **Mrs. C. N. Davis,** secretary; **Will Styles,** treasurer; and **Ron Stenroos,** publicity.

Meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Municipal Auditorium.

"Coin Breezes", official publication of the **Lake Tahoe Coin Club,** Stateline, reports that old No. 5, the press built by the Virginia and Truckee Railroad shops to strike dollars at the Carson City Mint, has produced more than 100 million coins since it was moved to Denver 21 months ago. This is the first time the press has produced one-cent pieces.

It is hoped that some day the press will be retired again, and returned to the Museum's Mint Room in Carson City. This faithful servant has now coined in four different U.S. mints—Carson City, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver.

New officers of the **Visalia Coin Club** are: **Grant Rahn,** president; **Virginia Rahn,** secretary; and **Jack Green,** treasurer.

At a recent meeting of the club, **Roger Morey** exhibited a collection of coins and currency.

Prof. Charles V. Kappen was the featured speaker at the well attended fourth annual open house of the **Peninsula Coin Club,** Palo Alto. He spoke on coins of the Bible, and illustrated his talk with some very fine colored slides of pieces from his personal collection.

Fred Marcellus, former Hanford High School teacher, furnished a highly entertaining evening at a meeting of the **Hanford Coin Club.** He showed a beautiful collection of colored slides of a trip through the Italian and Swiss Alps, and provided an excellent commentary on each photograph.

1966 officers of the club are: **R. D. Wiggins,** president; **Robert Rice,** vice president; **Fred Tinkham,** secretary-treasurer; **Bernard Moates** and **Merrill Cole,** auctioneers; and **Forrest Speck,** librarian.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to retiring president **Otto Koepke, Jr.** for his services to the club.

Rudy Gjurovich was appointed theme chairman of the **Northern California Numismatic Association** for the annual convention to be held at the Hilton Hotel, San Francisco, Sept. 15-18. Theme for the convention will be "Numismatics for Youth".

Robert G. McArthur was moderator of a numismatic panel discussion program at a recent meeting of the **East Bay Coin Club,** Oakland.

The club is currently meeting at the Oakland YMCA, on the second Friday of the month.

John Cobb spoke at a meeting of the **San Jose Coin Club** on the subject of U.S. bust type half dollars, 1807-1836. His entertaining talk was highlighted with a prepared exhibit of scarce varieties.

Officers of the club are: **Norman Prunier,** president; **Rudy Gjurovich,** vice president; **Jean Prichett,** recording secretary; **Sam Fleshman,** corresponding secretary; **Edward Sins,** treasurer; **Neil Lockley,** librarian-curator-historian; and **John Pavlicevich,** junior vice president.

Officers of the **Mother Lode Coin Club,** Grass Valley, are: **Beryl Robinson, Jr.,** president; **Rev. William Bohn,** vice president; **Trusten Seotten,** secretary; and **Joe Rivera,** treasurer.

The club meets on the first Friday of each month at the Frank Buck Hall in Grass Valley.

Walter Gerth was the featured speaker at the March meeting of the **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society,** San Francisco. He reviewed his prize-winning paper on "Odd and Curious Monies", and explained some items which were not mentioned in his ar-

ticle. The evening was highlighted with an outstanding array of items exhibited by the speaker and the membership.

ANA slides on U.S. paper money were shown at the April meeting.

At the January meeting of the **Numismatic Research Group**, Modesto, **Dr. H. Von Hungen** delivered a talk on "Learning About Numismatics."

The February issue of "Energy", official bulletin of the group, contained five pages of some very interesting and controversial articles.

Fred Petersen spoke on Mexican eight real pieces at the February meeting.

Brick Delano, Dewey Maggard and **George Orser** are working very closely with **Chester Smith** of the new Channel 17, Modesto, to participate in NRG's production of a 15-minute program to be shown on TV.

The February meeting of the **San Francisco Coin Club** featured a panel on the subject of numismatic exhibits. Appearing on the panel were experienced exhibitors **Florence Hess, Reta Hartson, Clifford Liss, Paul Snedaker** and **Roy Hill.** They discussed the preparation, entry, classification and judging of exhibits. A question period followed. Each of the speakers has been a former best-of-show winner at some exhibition.

William Meyer spoke at the March meeting on "Comments From Foreign Lands". He told of operations at the Royal Mint at London and the Bank of England, the latter often referred to as "the old lady of Threadneedle Street".

Recent meetings of the **Central California Coin Club,** Fresno, have been drawing record attendance, as **Erwin F. Sawall,** using colored slides with a tape recording, explained how to detect altered dates on coins; as **Mort Goodman,** director of Research and Authentication for Numismatic Error Collectors of America, spoke on "The Minting Process—How Coins Are Made" and displayed his "numismatic errors" collection which won a special award at the PNG show; and **Walter Breen,** author, who spoke on the so-called 1964 multi-struck Lincoln cents. Breen said they were the product of collusion in the mint, and that he is cooperating with the Secret Service in attempting to find the contact in the Philadelphia mint. He further stated that a second group of such coins was made outside the mint. Measured by a micrometer they are .005 larger in diameter than the normal size of .750.

Newly elected officers are: **Harold Anderson,** president; **Larry Virgin,** vice president; **Robert Rocque,** secretary; and **Jared Dekker,** treasurer.

At the April meeting of the **Delta Coin Club,** Stockton, **Norman F. Pruitt** spoke on U.S. large cents. In addition to sharing his knowledge on the subject, he exhibited his carefully selected collection of these interesting pieces. Pruitt also had numismatic literature on the subject for those who wished to peruse. A brief question period followed.

San Leandro-Hayward Coin Club recently moved to San Leandro to increase membership and attendance, but the plan has not been successful, and after the beginning of the year the club moved back to Hayward.

Meetings are held at the Hill and Valley Club Building, 1808 "B" St., Hayward.

NEW CLUBS

North Marin Coin Club was recently founded in Novato, with 18 members headed by **C. L. Amspaugh** as president. **Fred Dutch** is vice president; **Patrick D. Cavanaugh,** secretary; and **Oscar Culp,** treasurer.

The group plans educational programs at each session, with the showing of ANA slides.

The club meets the first and third Monday of the month.

Officers of the **Sierra Hills Coin Club,** Auburn, include: **Paul Williams,** president; **Larry Wood,** secretary; and **George Silva,** treasurer.

The club meets on the second Friday of the month at the Auburn Recreation Hall.

ATTENTION — ALL LOCAL CLUB SECRETARIES AND EDITORS:

Effective at once, all minutes of meetings, club bulletins and information about coming or past coin-a-ramas should be forwarded to **Jerry Kroeger,** 1999 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, 94703 — instead of to Dennis Olswang, as has been done in the past.

South of the Tehachapis

By PEGGY BORGOLTE

WELCOME HOME

Virginia Culver of Arcadia, author of many numismatic articles, an active and contributing member of many numismatic organizations, board member of ANA, and president of TAMS, was guest speaker at the **West Valley Coin Club** in April. Her topic, "The Wonderful World of Numismatics," presented with originality, was of interest to all.

West Valley extended a hearty welcome to Virginia, her daughter Kathy and son Ray, and claim all three with pride as their own. The first coin club all three joined was West Valley.

MARCH 15, 1956—MARCH 15, 1966

More than 115 members and guests took part in the **Tenth Anniversary** of **Santa Barbara Coin Club** on March 15. Five of twelve charter members were present, including **Robert W. DeMott,** first president of the club. President **Don Jurgensen,** another ten-year member, welcomed the two newest members **Ronald Balestrieri** and **Dan White.**

All attending were presented with an attractive folder, prepared to commemorate the event, which contained a 1956 dime. A beautifully and appropriately decorated birthday cake was served.

POCKETBOOK CHANGE

At the April meeting of **Pillars Ltd. Coin Club,** noted composer **Hoagy Carmiechael** related that his son was responsible for his becoming a collector five years ago. He stated he does not collect uncirculated coins as all one can say is they are bright and shiny, and his aim is to obtain only coins that have a story behind them. For example, an early dime in his collection that was the first money a now **elderly lady** earned as a **young girl** by **sewing all day.**

Carmiechael told of his plans to display these coins with the related story of each. This collection he calls his pocketbook change.

SBCCC'S COIN SHOW

San Bernardino County Coin Club's third annual coin show this year will be bigger and better than ever, according to **Dr. Fred Gutekunst,** club president. It is scheduled to be held in the famous Orange Show Grounds, San Bernardino, July 9-10. Theme of the show is —"Coins of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

LIBRARY DONATED

Riverside Stamp and Coin Club dedicated the **E. G. Chapman Memorial Philatelnumismatic Library** in the **Riverside Public Library** on April 15.

Chapman, a charter member of the club, organized in 1929, participated actively until his death in February 1965 at the age of 89. He served as librarian and secretary for twenty years.

Among the outstanding philatelic reference works is Brookman's set on 19th century U.S. postage stamps. Bulk of the numismatic material is from Chapman's personal library, and includes a twenty-year set of "The Numismatist." **Lorne Allmon, Lena Fuller** and **Charles Shewman** donated several volumes from their personal libraries.

The Riverside Public Library has produced a distinctive bookplate for this memorial library.

FORUM SPEAKERS

California Exonumist Society held a forum in conjunction with the recent **Numismatic Association of Southern California's** eleventh annual convention at the Statler Hilton in Los Angeles.

Featured speakers included **Abe Kosoff** of Encino, with the subject "Collections as an Investment," and **Barbara Rader** of Denver presented an illustrated talk about "Art in Coins and Medals."

WHITE ELEPHANT

Verdugo Hills Coin Club (Tujunga) recently staged a **White Elephant Sale** to raise funds for an anniversary party to be held in May. To attract new members, mimeographed letters (boosting an evening with the club) were mailed and posted throughout the community. Attached was a coupon for an award, if presented at a club meeting.

HERE AND THERE

Gary Beals has completed his book

"Numismatic Terms of Spain and Spanish America." Heralded by an excellent artistic cover by Carl Hoberg, the book provides a wealth of numismatic data in a glossary which should prove highly useful to collectors of Spanish and Hispania numisma.

Whittier Coin Club members will have **name buttons.** Each button will be two and one-half inches in diameter, and have a safety pin clasp. The buttons will be in three colors—blue, gold and white, with a pair of U.S. gold coins in the design.

Mar Vista will pay expenses for a week end in Las Vegas at the Flamingo Hotel to a lucky winner. Tickets are available from the members.

Bay Cities has a new meeting location—Westdale Savings and Loan Association, 2920 S. Sepulveda Blvd., West Los Angeles. Meetings are held at 8:00 P.M. on the third Thursday of each month.

Santa Paula is now meeting on the first Monday of each month at the Lewis Steelsmiths Coin Den, 933 Yale St., Santa Paula.

1966 OFFICERS ELECTED

TORRANCE—George Finnell, president; **Eileen Lawson,** first vice president; **Lloyd Hill,** second vice president; **Bill Haggarty,** treasurer; **Inis Barberis,** recording secretary; **Myron McClaflin,** corresponding secretary; and **Ben Hooghkirk,** sergeant-at-arms.

DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS—Walter Snyder, president; **Wardie Jackson,** vice president; **Steve Kotenko,** treasurer; **Dorothy Anderson,** recording secretary; and **H. J. Chase,** corresponding secretary.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY—Gordon Greene, president; **Alva Christensen,** vice president; **Leona Heller,** corresponding secretary; **Dorothy Greene,** recording secretary; and **Ethel Stone,** treasurer.

MAR VISTA—Tom Brown, president; **Albert DeSoto,** vice president; **Manuel Acosta,** secretary; and **Hazel Waite,** treasurer.

CONVAIR COINEERS (San Diego) **—Steve Ames,** president; **F. B. Wagner,** vice president; and **Ed Jankowski,** librarian.

GLENDALE — Ralph Kloepper, president; **Lloyd Schultz,** vice president; **Carol Booth,** treasurer; **Eileen Swinhart,** assistant treasurer; **Laura Fisher,** corresponding secretary; and **Lee Kling,** recording secretary.

NORTH VALLEY (San Fernando) **—Marlin Meier,** president; **Ted Myers,** vice president; **Willard Vorhees,** treasurer; and **Anna Marie McCarthy,** secretary.

SANTA ANA—Claude Watt, president; **Russ May,** vice president; **Bill Wisslead,** treasurer; and **Harry E. Jones,** secretary.

NORTHRUP NORAIR (Hawthorne)**—Edwin C. Bentley,** president; **Ralph E. Fairbanks,** vice president; **D. B. Trimble,** treasurer; and **Glen Drury,** secretary.

CLUB SPEAKERS

G. A. Ayers, Covina, Jan., "Prison Tokens." **Bruce Linton,** Orange County, Jan., "Early Canadian Coins and Tokens." **John Nichols,** Ventura County, Feb., "Grading Coins." **George Justus,** Santa Barbara, Mar., "Coin Investments and Coin Collecting." **Peggy Borgolte,** Culver City, Mar., "Travels and Numismatics."

Diek Lages, "To Clean or Not to Clean." **Sylvia Novack,** "Echoes of the Convention." Mar., San Bernardino. **Marty Shapiro,** Bay Cities, Feb., "Slides of U.S. Gold Coins 1849 to 1933." **Dan Harley,** San Diego, Jan., "Canadian Coinage System." **Henri Heller,** Long Beach, Mar., "A Dealer Looks at the Coin Hobby Today."

Robert B. Carter, Echo Park, Feb., "Altered Coins." **Lee Kuntz,** San Bernardino, Feb., "U.S. Large Cents." **Federico Claveria,** Santa Barbara, Feb., "Eight Reales Following Mexico Independence from Spain." **Robert Harris,** INSSD, Feb., "Reference Books and Information." **Henry H. Clifford,** Los Angeles, Mar., "Calif. Gold Rush."

Charles Colver, Covina, Feb., British Sovereigns." **Peggy Borgolte** SIN, Santa Monica, Mar., "West Indies Films, Places and Coinage." **Duane Spellman,** Torrance, Mar., "Mint Errors." **William Koch,** SIN, San Gabriel, Mar., "German Notgeld." **Ralph Mitchell,** San Diego, Feb., "What to Collect Now."

Robert H. Meyer, Orange County, Mar., "Military Currency." **Richard Goodson,** Mar Vista, Mar., "Construction of a Display." **Mort Goodman,** West Valley, Mar., "Minting Process and Mint Errors." **Max Wedertz,** SIN, Santa Monica, Apr., "Coins of Capo d'Istra." **Peggy Borgolte,** North Hollywood, Apr., "Shadow of a Forgotten Coin."

Sylvia Haffner, INSSD, Mar., "How Now Collector?" **Charles Colver**, Monrovia, Apr., "Numismatic Exhibiting." **Mort Goodman**, Ventura County, Mar., "Numismatic Errors." **L. L. Lundberg**, San Diego, Mar., "Ridiculous to the Sublime." **Clay Read**, Bay Cities, Apr., "Preparing and Constructing a display."

Sylvia Novack, "Half Dimes." **Dewy Eastman**, "Ancient Roman Coins." **Ev Smith**, "Selling and Buying at Auctions." **Herb Bergen**, Downey, Mar., "U.S. Coins." **Robert B. Carter**, Mar Vista, Apr., "Altered Coins." **V. G. Rich**, Los Angeles, Apr., "Oriental, Chinese, Japan and India Coinage." **Peggy Borgolte**, Orange Coast (Newport) Apr., "Shadow of a Forgotten Coin."

C. W. Tritt, Long Beach, Apr., "Mint Errors." **Paul Schymos**, SIN, San Gabriel, Feb., "History of Coins on Slides." **Mort Goodman**, San Fernando, Feb., "Minting Process." **Sol Taylor**, Downey, May, "My 25 Years of Collecting." **Frank Strauss**, Covina, Apr., "Gold Through the Ages."

Walter Lewis, SIN, San Gabriel, Apr., "Coins of San Marino." **Jan Bantjes**, Upland, "Odd and Curious Foreign Money." **Peggy Borgolte**, Orange County, Apr., "Shadow of a Forgotten Coin."

CORRECTIONS

Calcoin News, Volume 20, Number 2, Spring 1966, under the heading, **"Here and There"** the item telling of the passing of, **Fred W. Coops**, should have been **Fred W. Coops Sr.**

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SECRETARIES, PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN AND EDITORS:

If there is no publicity appearing about your club or your coin show is not listed it is because it has not been received. Please check your mailing address for news for Calcoin News, South of the Tehachapis. Following is the address to which it should be mailed:

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BEFORE COINS WHAT?

By PEGGY BORGOLTE, Sepulveda

Coins represent a certain value. When we purchase an article, we give in exchange a coin which represents the value of the commodity purchased. Before coins were in use an article was given in exchange.

Exchange was carried on by barter. Barter was a slow and trying process, and was open to two objections. "First, those who wished to buy might have nothing which those who wished to sell cared to take in exchange; and secondly, it would require much time and haggling to decide the relative value of the different articles."

Hence it was gradually found that trade would be greatly facilitated by fixing on some medium which might be used as a standard of value which might be accepted, not for use, but to be exchanged again. We find there was: nail money from New England, leather money of Mexico, glass money of Egypt, wampum of the American Indians, stone, stick and shell money of the South Seas, wooden money of the arctic, cloth money of the Congo, amber money of Lithuania, porcelain money of Siam, birch bark coins of Sweden, silk, velvet and linen money of Germany, tea money of Tibet, tobacco money of Virginia, salt money of Siberia, tin money of Syracuse and Britain, iron money of Sparta, platinum money of Russia, lead money of Burma, jade and brass money of China.

Most of the materials named were found to be perishable, and as it really represented a property value which had been created by manual labor, the tendency and disposition of men to accumulate riches led them, as time went on, to fix a special value upon the metals as a durable and always available kind of property, and thus came into use the metals we know as copper, silver and gold.

Let us go back to barter time, some 500 years B.C., in the city of Ming, China. A man trades a knife for a bushel of wheat or a shirt for a bag of rice. One could not carry his

pocket full of knives or shirts, so gradually small models of the objects were made to represent the article such as "tao" knife and "pu" cloth to represent the original article.

Thus we have the tao (knife money) and pu (merchandise money) of China to represent the article bartered in exchange. The knife money had a round flange at the end of the handle with a hole so it could be strung on a cord to prevent loss. Gradually the knife was shortened, when in 7 to 20 A.D. it had been reduced to only a quarter of the length of the original size (about 7 inches). Later, no doubt, the thought occured, why carry so much metal? So the blade and handle were abandoned, leaving only the round flange with the hole and thus came into being the round holed brass coins of China.

The next step was to reduce current pieces of metal to a uniform size, shape and quality, value and denomination, and make them by special enactment, a legal tender for the payment of all taxes and public dues.

Thus a legalized currency of coined money was created, and the exchangeable value of the various metals used for that purpose fully established, to the great convenience of the world at large.

The word "money" primarily implies "coin". It is said to take its origin from the fact that the early Roman coins were struck in or near the temple of Juno Moncta. Juno received this name, according to Cicero, from the verb "moneo", because she advised the Romans to sacrifice a sow to Cybele to avert an earthquake. Suidas, however, derives it from the encouraging advice she gave them in their war against Pyrrhus. Neither of these derivations seems quite satisfactory. But however Juno acquired her name of Moneta, it is evident that the name of Moneta was given to money because it was struck in or near her temple, and hence that it primarily implies "coin" and that "wealth" is a secondary meaning.

To the miser we owe much to his practice of hoarding and burying his money. The world is debtor to this dispised habit for some of the most important corroborative history of the old world.

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(Author's note: Much of the information for this article was found in Life Library, The World and Its Peoples, and The Great Ages of Man.)

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From the Desk of the Treasurer

ASSETS	Nov. 1, 1965	March 31, 1966	Gain/Loss
Savings Account	$11,200.00	$11,845.28	$645.28
Checking Account	2,527.94	898.34	(1,629.60)
Total	$13,727.94	$12,743.62	($984.32)

ITEMS	Income	Expenses	
Interest	$ 645.28		
Stationery		$ 142.16	
Secretary (Dues)	1,961.00	102.00	
Storage — Bekins		62.20	
Californiana Collection		55.88	
San Diego Convention	7,692.17	6,871.18	
Calcoin News		1,227.40	
Past President Medals		2,239.50	
Miscellaneous	23.00	605.45	
TOTAL	$10,321.45	$11,305.77	($984.32)

NOTE: This report does not include any advance receipts or expenditures incident to the 38th semi-annual convention at Fresno, April 14-17, 1966.

ALBERT L. BABER

From the Desk of the Secretary

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the recent Fresno convention, CSNA officers approved a plan to accept life memberships. The cost was set at $50, with one dollar deducted for each year of prior membership for old members. CSNA is twenty years old this year, so those joining the first year (1947) could become life members for $30, etc., down to the present.

Life membership numbers will be assigned according to the year of originally joining. Anyone joining in a certain year will have a prefix number of that year, followed by a dash, and then their sequence number of application for life membership. For instance a person who joined CSNA in 1959 (the 13th year) would become life member No. 13-1, provided he were the first one from the 1959 group to become a life member.

Number assignments for 1947, the charter year, will be held up until the end of this calendar year, and all those applying for life membership during this period will be given numbers in the order they originally joined. This group now holds regular numbers 1 through 279.

All life members will be provided with a handsome permanent metal membership card.

Anyone wishing to apply for life membership should contact the secretary. Current members may compute the necessary fee by consulting the following table to determine when they originally joined.

Beginning with the organization date, Feb. 22, 1947, CSNA membership numbers have been arranged in sequence chronologically. Therefore, the membership number indicates seniority of membership.

The numbers issued to members correspond to the calendar years as follows:

1952	490 - 545	1957	789 - 863
1948	280 - 357	1958	864 - 924
1949	358 - 388	1959	925 - 1007
1950	389 - 431	1960	1008 - 1064
1951	432 - 489	1961	1065 - 1176
1952	490 - 545	1962	1177 - 1343
1953	546 - 590	1963	1344 - 1412
1954	591 - 645	1964	1413 - 1506
1955	646 - 680	1965	1507 - 1589
1956	681 - 788	1966	1590 -

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2-1 BURKE, Bryan O. Jr. .....2364 N. G St., San Bernardino, Calif. 92405
5-1 LODGE, Lesley G.....6616 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, Calif. 94609
6-1 COLVER, Charles G. .....611 No. Banna Ave., Covina, Calif. 91722
10-1 HARLEY, Dan .....637 W. Arrow Hwy., Claremont, Calif. 91711
13-1 KOCH, Jack R. .....3520 N. Seventh St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85014

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1612 CROMARTY, Denis W. .....1148 E. Elizabeth St., Fresno, Calif.
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1613 YANKEY, Bowden .....4231 E. Clinton, Fresno, Calif. 93726
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1614 SANBORN, Jack R. .....4841 E. Michigan, Fresno, Calif.
(sponsored by Don Thompson)
1615 MARTIN, Lee .....P.O. Box 1888, Santa Ana, Calif. 92702
(sponsored by Everett Phillips)
1616 CECIL HOGAN COIN SHOP
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(sponsored by Charles Colver)
1617 MOSS, George H. .....1215 Sheffield Way, Roseville, Calif. 95678
(sponsored by Norman Pruitt)
1618 BRESSETT, Kenneth.....1220 Mound Ave., Racine, Wisc. 53404
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
1619 YOUNG, Gary L. .....3244 Grand Ave., Oakland, Calif. 94610
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1620 PICKETT, Woody .....P.O. Box 591, San Andreas, Calif. 95429
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1621 WOODWARD, Dixie.....2808 W. Euclid, Stockton, Calif. 95204
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1623 JONES, Mark.....10791 Magdalena, Los Altos Hills, Calif.
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1139 CRABB, Danny B. .....6811 Woodman, Van Nuys, Calif.
1092 DUNKLEE, Howard.....464 Main, Placerville, Calif.
1097 GRAHAM, R. W. .....537 Mont St., Richmond, Calif.
1245 KING & QUEEN COINS....1111 Morro St., San Luis Obispo, Calif. 93401
1388 LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB
.....3972 California Way, Livermore, Calif. 94550
177 VAN HEYDE, Otto J. .....29607 Fitch St., Box 527, Saugus, Calif. 91350

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905 MARCKHOFF, Fred R. .....Elgin, Ill — Jan. 31, 1966
1094 HARTSON, Reta .....El Sobrante, Calif. — April 25, 1966

RESIGNATIONS

1254 HAWEKOTTE, Dorothy .....Glendora, Calif.
1461 JASMIN, Deanna .....West Covina, Calif.
1495 ROSE, Thomas C. .....La Mesa, Calif.
1071 WITTER, Phelps Dean .....San Francisco, Calif.

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602 SKUBIS, John F.

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1351 DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY..1211 Park St., Alameda, Calif. 94501
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513 FOUNTAIN, Dr. Wm. E. .....215 E. 21st St., Merced, Calif. 95340
1284 HALL, Ann M. .....9019 Langdon Ave., Apt. 20, Sepulveda, Calif. 91343
1313 HALL, Foster.....9019 Langdon Ave., Apt. 20, Sepulveda, Calif. 91343
1565 HUTCHINSON, Vance.....P.O. Box 602, West Covina, Calif. 91790
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45 LINDOW, Lloyd E. .....P.O. Box 8411, San Marino, Calif. 91108
540 MEMEL, Edward G.....4557 Winona Avc., San Diego, Calif. 92115
1594 M. G. COINS.....1008 Jefferson, Delano, Calif. 93215
1466 MONTGOMERY, Robert R.....1111 Randall Ave., La Habra, Calif. 90631
1099 NAPA VALLEY COIN CLUB
.....c/o Fannie Goodwin, 2063 Adrian St., Napa, Calif. 94559
735 OSBORNE, Winn.....620 N. 18th St., Montcbcllo, Calif. 90640

80 PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.....c/o George W. Sailor, Librarian, 381 Warren Dr., San Francisco, Calif. 94131
899 SANTA ANA COIN CLUB.....P.O. Box 2073, Santa Ana, Calif. 92707
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1019 SNYDER, Walter T.....8100 Lena Ave., Canoga Park, Calif. 91304
832 SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, Feb. 15, 1966	784
New Members, Feb. 16 to May 15, 1966	39
Re-Instatements	6
Resignations	4
Deceased	2
Address Unknown	1
Net Membership, May 15, 1966	822
Life Memberships	6
1966 Dues Not Yet Paid	87

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

The **annual membership directory** will appear in the next issue of Calcoin News. A few members have expressed a desire to be omitted from the directory. Your officers believe that this annual membership directory serves a very useful purpose, and wish to continue with it as before. The directory is distributed only to members of the organization (and to a few friends on the complimentary mailing list).

Any member who does not wish to have his address, or his name and address both, published, please notify the secretary by August 1. Otherwise we will assume you have no objections. If you prefer not to have either your name and your address published, your membership only will be listed in sequence in the directory.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

More than three hundred letters were mailed to prospective CSNA members who registered at the Fresno convention, outlining to them the advantages and benefits to be derived by being a CSNA member.

— CHARLES G. COLVER

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NICKEL

Centuries ago the Saxon copper and silver miners were puzzled by a very strange and brittle by-product of their ore which they thought contained the usual copper but which actually contained nicolite, an ore unknown to them. The properties of this odd metal were so strange that they were sure Old Nick himself was at work against them—thus was born the name of "Kupfernickel"—linking this metal with old Nick and his trick-playing gnomes.

In 1751 when the Swedish scientist, A. F. Cronstedt, isolated this strange metal in pure form he recalled the ancient Saxon name and the shortened form "nickel" became a household word for this element which so revolutionized many phases of world economics—industrial, military, etc.

In 1881 the first pure nickel coins were struck by Switzerland, with many other countries soon following suit; the latest to do so being South Africa.

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"ODDS AND ENDS, MOSTLY ODDS" — From My Scrapbook

By KARL M. BRAINARD, Los Angeles

Skins of wild animals, cured, constituted one of the first forms of currency known, and while employed in ancient times are still used in some parts of the world today.

Not many of us know the currency used in the days of Abraham was livestock. Almost since the beginning of time this form of exchange has been known, and today in Lapland and some parts of Sweden and Norway the wealth of a person is measured in reindeer. The Eskimos measure their wealth in dogs.

The Egyptian, Phoenicia, Etruria and other ancient countries used ornaments of all kinds, rings, anklets and bracelets. They served a dual purpose, that of ornamentation and currency.

In some of the tropical islands of the Pacific, red feathers were used as a medium of exchange. The Fijians used the teeth of whales. The Tartars use bricks of tea and other herbs. Pottery is used in some countries, also fruit, tobacco, rice, salt, cloth and various other articles.

Some numismatists believe the Phoenicians were the first to adopt a system of coinage, using coins made of tin.

The purest coins made were the Tuscan sequin, which contained 999 parts of gold in 1000. The six-ducat piece of Naples was next in purity, having an alloy of only 4 parts in 1000. Then came the Byzantine coins called "bezants"; they had an alloy of 14 parts in 1000.

Most of us have seen Swedish plate money. But, how many of us have seen the Russian plate money. I, for one, have never seen any—yet they do exist.

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THE ORIGIN OF PIGGY BANK

One of the finest club publications to reach this desk on our exchange program is the Journal published by the Tasmanian Numismatic Society. The cover is most eye-appealing and the articles very informative and stimulating. I must say that this club should be justifiably proud to have such erudite persons in it's membership.

One of the articles in their May issue answered a question of mine, and perhaps many of you have wondered also about the connection between money and pigs. Yes, I know that some people are classed as coin hogs.

The following by Roger McNiece, FRNS, is an excerpt from the Tasmanian Numismatic Journal:

"Did you know that there is no "Pig" in "Piggy Bank". It is really a descendant of "Pygg".

"A favourite medium for saving, among children and adults, is the piggy bank. Modern potteries often turn out these banks in the shape of a pig, with a slot in its back, but the origin of the term has nothing to do with pigs.

"During the middle ages, metal was rarely used in the manufacture of common household utensils, it was too expensive. More economical was a type of clay known as pygg. This was so popular for dishes, pots and jars that eventually people referred to all earthenware as pygg.

"Frugal housewives then, as now, put what they could save into a pot or jar which, by evolution, became known as the "pyggy bank". In time, however, the origin of the term was forgotten. In the 19th century, English potters, ignorant of the original meaning of pygg, began turning out money boxes in the shape of pigs."

(Reprint from the September 1965 issue of Valley Coin Club Bulletin, Abbotsford, B. C.)